



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Washington, DC 20230

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RE: DOC-ITA-2019-000236

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Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the International Trade Administration (ITA) on November 14, 2018. In your request, you sought:

All communications (including emails, text messages, and messages sent on messaging applications) of any political appointee** in the Bureau of Industry and Security; the immediate office of the Under Secretary for International Trade; or the Enforcement and Compliance division of the International Trade Administration containing at least one of the terms in Column A and at least one of the terms in Column B:

On November 16, 2018, via email with Auburn Finney, Dan McGrath of your office agreed to narrow your request to only email communications.

After a thorough search, ITA has found no records responsive to your request. ITA has no obligation to create, compile, or obtain from outside of ITA a record to satisfy a request. 15 C.F.R. § 4.3(b).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Brian Yanos, at 202-482-0549 or Brian.Yanos@trade.gov.

You may also contact ITA's FOIA Public Liaison, using the following information:

Victor E. Powers
Acting FOIA Officer
International Trade Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 40003
Washington, D.C. 20230
(202) 482-5436, foia@trade.gov



Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number, DOC-ITA-2019-000236 when contacting ITA.

In addition, you may seek FOIA mediation services offered by the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS using the following information:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
(202) 741-5770 or toll free, 1-877-684-6448
facsimile: (202) 741-5769; email: ogis@nara.gov

In accordance with 15 C.F.R. §§ 4.10(a) and (b), you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Department deems appeals arriving after normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday) as received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. The appeal should include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement of the reasons why you consider the Department made this determination in error. Please mail written appeals to:

Assistant General Counsel for Litigation, Employment, and
Oversight
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 5896
Washington, D.C. 20230

You may send an appeal by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov, or through FOIAonline at <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> if you have a FOIAonline account. Clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal", in the e-mail subject line, or on both the appeal letter and envelope.

For the purpose of assessing fees, in our November 16, 2018 letter, you were granted a fee waiver, and thus, no fees will be charged for the processing of your request. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). *See also* 15 C.F.R. 4.11(l).

Sincerely,



Victor E. Powers
Director
Management Operations
Office of the Chief Financial and
Administrative Officer



